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DURING COURSE OF PROGRAM DIRECTION VISIT TO CHITTAGONG THIS WEEK PAO GRESHAM TOOK OPPORTUNITY PAY CAMPUS CALL ON JANNAT SULTANA AT UNIVERSITY AND CONSULT WITH HER DEPARTMENT HEAD, PROFESSOR RASHID CHOWDHURY, AND REGISTRAR K. RAHMAN WHO HAD INITIATED CONTACT WITH CHADRON. ALL CONCERNED HAD MISUNDERSTOOD LETTER FROM CHADRON REGISTRAR FITZGIBBON DATED OCTOBER 17 WHICH INDICATED QUOTE WAYS AND MEANS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR YOU TO ATTEND CHADRON WERE BEING SOUGHT UNQUOTE AND ASKED IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR TRANSPORT ONLY COULD BE PROVIDED LOCALLY. IT ALSO DEVELOPED THAT MISS SULTANA WILL NOT OBTAIN A.B. DEGREE UNTIL THIS AUGUST. SHE AND HER FACULTY-PATRONS WERE ADVISED TO FORGET ABOUT A FEBRUARY ENTRANCE TO CHADRON OR ANYWHERE ELSE AND BEGIN PLANNING FOR A POSSIBLE ADMITTANCE TO A U.S. SCHOOL FOR INDUSTRIAL ART AND DESIGN IN SEPTEMBER.

AS FOR JANNAT HERSELF SHE IS A BRIGHT, CHARMING, AND TALENTED YOUNG LADY WHO WOULD INDEED BE A JOY TO HAVE IN ANY ACADEMIC COMMUNITY. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN PARTIAL GRANT FOR CHOWDHURY AS EMBASSY RECOMMENDED IN REFTEL (B), LATTER COULD UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPLORE IN PERSON POSSIBILITIES ACCEPTANCE OF JANNAT BY

APPROPRIATE SCHOOL IN CHICAGO OR WASHINGTON ASSUMING CHADRON CAN'T COME THROUGH WITH FULL EXPENSE SCHOLARSHIP. TOO BAD FOR CHADRON. EMBASSY WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN INCLUDING THIS PROJECT IN FY 1976 CU BUDGET IF NO INSTITUTION AND/OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN U.S. WILLING OR ABLE TO DO SOMETHING FOR BOTH BANGLADESH AND THE INTERNATIONAL WOMAN IN 1976 BY SPONSORING SUCH A PROMISING YOUNG LADY. HER SKILLS, IF DEVELOPED, WOULD BENEFIT HER COUNTRY AND CERTAINLY FULFILL THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS MISSION'S SMALL BUT HIGHLY QUALITATIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.
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